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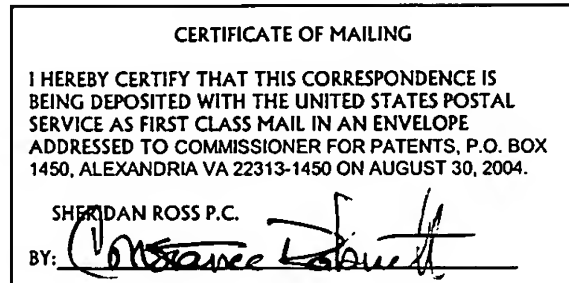
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 28 June 2004 (Paper No. 8).  
This response is filed within the two month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including corrected drawings is attached following page 11 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: